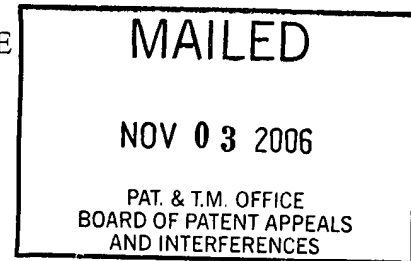


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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL


On August 29, 2005, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On October 6, 2006, appellants filed a communication requesting that this application be withdrawn.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed August 29, 2005, is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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